

The Lewis Correspondence for submodular groups

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1 Introduction

Let G denote the group $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})/\{\pm 1\}$. Let $\Gamma = \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be the modular group. A *submodular group* is a subgroup of Γ of finite index. It is the aim of this note to extend the Lewis Correspondence [5, 6, 7] from Γ to submodular groups. Since any submodular group Λ contains a submodular subgroup which is normal in Γ we will first assume that Λ is normal and only later move from Λ an arbitrary subgroup containing Λ . Let $\mathbb{H}^+ = \{x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : y > 0\}$ be the upper half plane in \mathbb{C} . The group G acts on \mathbb{H}^+ by linear fractions, $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$. This action preserves the hyperbolic geometry given by the Riemannian metric $\frac{1}{y^2}(dx^2 + dy^2)$ so it commutes with the hyperbolic Laplace operator $\Delta = -y^2 \left((\frac{\partial}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial}{\partial y})^2 \right)$ and preserves the hyperbolic volume form $dx dy/y^2$. A *Maaß form* for Λ is a function $f \in L^2(\Lambda \backslash \mathbb{H}^+)$ which is an eigenfunction of Δ . We also define \mathbb{H}^- to be the lower half plane in \mathbb{C} . The Lewis Correspondence attaches a certain “period function” to a given Maaß form for Γ . To extend it to $\Lambda \neq \Gamma$ we have to start with Maaß forms for Λ . These form a module under the finite group Γ/Λ under the regular representation and so Maaß forms for Λ are related to Maaß forms for Γ twisted by a finite dimensional representation (η, V_η) by the following mechanism:

Let W be a $\mathbb{C}[\Gamma]$ -module, which is finite dimensional as \mathbb{C} -vector space and trivially acted upon by Λ . Under the action of the finite group Γ/Λ the module W decomposes into isotypic components,

$$W = \bigoplus_{\eta \in \widehat{\Gamma/\Lambda}} W(\eta), \quad (1)$$

where $\widehat{\Gamma/\Lambda}$ denotes the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible unitary representations of Γ/Λ , i.e., the unitary dual of this finite group. For $\eta \in \widehat{\Gamma/\Lambda}$ let $\check{\eta}$ denote its dual representation. There is a natural isomorphism

$$\mathrm{ev}: (W \otimes \eta)^\Gamma \otimes \check{\eta} \rightarrow W(\check{\eta}) \quad (2)$$

given by $\mathrm{ev}(\sum_j (w_j \otimes \alpha_j) \otimes \beta) := \sum_j \langle \alpha_j, \beta \rangle w_j$. On the other hand, the inclusion $W(\check{\eta}) \subset W(\eta)^\Gamma$ induces an isomorphism $(W \otimes \eta)^\Gamma \cong (W(\check{\eta}) \otimes \eta)^\Gamma$

and the projection map Pr from $W \otimes \eta$ to $(W \otimes \eta)^\Gamma$ is explicitly given by

$$\text{Pr}(w \otimes \alpha) = \frac{1}{|\Gamma/\Lambda|} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma/\Lambda} \gamma.w \otimes \gamma.\alpha.$$

Finally, elementary character theory shows that the canonical projection $\mathcal{P}_{\check{\eta}}: W \rightarrow W(\check{\eta})$ given by the decomposition (1) equals

$$\mathcal{P}_{\check{\eta}} w = \frac{d_\eta}{|\Gamma/\Lambda|} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma/\Lambda} \text{tr } \eta(\gamma) (\gamma \cdot w), \quad (3)$$

where d_η is the degree of η and $\check{\eta}$. Here we have used the convention that we write the space of a representation with the same symbol as the representation itself. Occasionally, to put emphasis on the space rather than the representation, we will also write V_η for the representation space of η . In order to describe W we decompose it into isotypic components and each such component is described by $(W \otimes \eta)^\Gamma$. We will in particular apply this to the space of Maaß forms for Λ with a given Laplace eigenvalue. But we also can retrieve Maaß forms of an arbitrary submodular group Σ . For this let $\Lambda \subset \Sigma \subset \Gamma$ be a submodular group which is normal in Γ , and let W be the space of Λ -Maaß forms. Then

$$W \cong \bigoplus_{\eta \in \widehat{\Lambda/\Gamma}} (W \otimes \eta)^\Gamma \otimes \check{\eta}.$$

The space of Σ -Maaß forms is just the space of Σ -invariants herein, i.e., the space

$$W^\Sigma \cong \bigoplus_{\eta \in \widehat{\Lambda/\Gamma}} (W \otimes \eta)^\Gamma \otimes \check{\eta}^\Sigma.$$

So W^Σ is described by the spaces $(W \otimes \eta)^\Gamma$ and the dimensions $\dim(\check{\eta}^\Sigma)$ for $\eta \in \widehat{\Lambda/\Gamma}$. This applies in particular to the congruence subgroups $\Lambda = \Gamma(N)$ and $\Sigma = \Gamma_0(N)$. So we fix an irreducible representation η of Γ with finite image.

We fix the following notation for the canonical generators of Γ :

$$S = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad T = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $S^2 = \mathbf{1} = (ST)^3$, and T is of infinite order. Let \mathcal{F}_η be the space of holomorphic functions $f: \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V_\eta$ with

$$f(z+1) = \eta(T)f(z), \quad (4)$$

$$f(z) = O(1) \quad \text{as } |\operatorname{Im}(z)| \rightarrow \infty, \quad (5)$$

$$0 = f(i\infty) + f(-i\infty). \quad (6)$$

The last condition needs explaining. Since η has finite image, there is a smallest $N := N_\eta \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\eta(T^N)$ equals the identity. It follows that f has a Fourier expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} z} v_k^+, \quad v_k^+ \in V_\eta,$$

in \mathbb{H}^+ and similarly with $v_k^- \in V_\eta$ in \mathbb{H}^- . Condition (5) leads to $v_{-k}^+ = v_k^- = 0$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus the limits do exist and satisfy $f(i\infty) = v_0^+$ and $f(-i\infty) = v_0^-$.

Consider the space $\mathcal{F}_{\nu, \eta}$ of all $f \in \mathcal{F}_\eta$ for which the map

$$z \mapsto f(z) - z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) \quad (7)$$

extends holomorphically to $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$ and the space $\Psi_{\nu, \eta}$ of all holomorphic functions $\psi: \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0] \rightarrow V_\eta$ satisfying

$$\eta(T)\psi(z) = \psi(z+1) + (z+1)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(ST^{-1})\psi\left(\frac{z}{z+1}\right) \quad (8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= e^{-\pi i \nu} \lim_{\operatorname{Im}(z) \rightarrow \infty} \left(\psi(z) + z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) \psi\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) \right) + \\ &+ e^{\pi i \nu} \lim_{\operatorname{Im}(z) \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\psi(z) + z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) \psi\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where both limits exist. We call (8) the *Lewis equation*.

Let π_ν be the principal series representation of G associated with the parameter $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\pi_\nu^{-\omega}$ the corresponding space of hyperfunction vectors. As a crucial tool we will use the space

$$A_{\nu, \eta}^{-\omega} = (\pi_\nu^{-\omega} \otimes \eta)^\Gamma = H^0(\Gamma, \pi_\nu^{-\omega} \otimes \eta) \quad (10)$$

and call it the space of η -automorphic hyperfunctions.

Generalizing results of Bruggeman (see [1], Prop. 2.1 and Prop. 2.3), we will show in Proposition 2.2 that there is a linear isomorphism $A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta}$ and (using this) establish in Proposition 2.3 a linear map

$$B: A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega} \rightarrow \Psi_{\nu,\eta},$$

which we call the *Bruggeman transform*. It turns out to be bijective unless $\nu \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$.

Recall that a *Maaß wave form* for a subgroup Λ of Γ (not necessarily normal) and parameter $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ is a function u on \mathbb{H}^+ which is twice continuously differentiable and satisfies

$$u(\gamma z) = u(z) \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \Gamma, \quad (11)$$

$$\infty > \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^+} |u(z)|^2 dz, \quad (12)$$

$$\Delta u = \left(\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2\right) u. \quad (13)$$

By the regularity of solutions of elliptic differential equations the last condition implies that u is real analytic. Let $\mathcal{M}_\nu = \mathcal{M}_\nu^\Lambda$ be the space of all Maaß wave forms for Λ .

If Λ is normal of finite index in Γ the finite group Γ/Λ acts on this space, and as in (1) we get an isotypic decomposition,

$$\mathcal{M}_\nu = \bigoplus_{\eta \in \widehat{\Gamma/\Lambda}} \mathcal{M}_\nu(\eta). \quad (14)$$

and for each η ,

$$\mathcal{M}_\nu(\check{\eta}) \cong V_\eta^* \otimes (V_\eta \otimes \mathcal{M}_\nu)^{\Gamma/\Lambda}.$$

We set $\mathcal{M}_{\nu,\eta}$ equal to $(V_\eta \otimes \mathcal{M}_\nu)^{\Gamma/\Lambda}$. Then $\mathcal{M}_{\nu,\eta}$ can be viewed as the space of all functions $u: \mathbb{H}^+ \rightarrow V_\eta$ which are twice continuously differentiable and satisfy

$$u(\gamma z) = \eta(\gamma)u(z) \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \Gamma, \quad (15)$$

$$\infty > \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^+} \|u(z)\|^2 dz, \quad (16)$$

$$\Delta u = \left(\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2\right) u. \quad (17)$$

We define the space $\mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta}$ of *Maaß cusp forms* to be the space of all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\nu,\eta}$ such that

$$\int_0^N u(z+t) dt = 0 \quad (18)$$

for every $z \in \mathbb{H}^+$. Here, as before, N is the order of $\eta(T)$, so that in particular $\eta(T)^N = \mathbf{1}$ and $u(z+N) = u(z)$.

For $\operatorname{Re} \nu > -\frac{1}{2}$ consider the space $\Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o$ of all $\psi \in \Psi_{\nu,\eta}$ satisfying

$$\psi(z) = O(\min\{1, |z|^{-C}\}) \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0], \quad (19)$$

for some $0 < C < 2\operatorname{Re} \nu + 1$. We call the elements of $\Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o$ *period functions*. In Lemma 3.1 we establish for $\operatorname{Re} \nu > -\frac{1}{2}$ two linear maps $\mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta} \rightarrow \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o$.

Let $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu,\eta}$ be the space of all functions u satisfying only (15) and (17). So there is no growth restriction on elements of $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu,\eta}$. For an automorphic hyperfunction $\alpha \in A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega}$ we consider the function $u: G \rightarrow V_\eta$ given by

$$u(g) := \langle \pi_{-\nu}(g)\varphi_0, \alpha \rangle.$$

Then u is right K -invariant, hence can be viewed as a function on \mathbb{H}^+ . As such it lies in $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu,\eta}$ since α is Γ -equivariant and the Casimir operator on G , which induces Δ , is scalar on π_ν with eigenvalue $\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2$. The transform $P: \alpha \mapsto u$ is called the *Poisson transform*. It follows from [8], Theorem 5.4.3, that the Poisson transform

$$P: A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu,\eta} \quad (20)$$

is an isomorphism for $\nu \notin \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$.

For $\nu \notin \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ we finally define the *Lewis transform* as the map $L: \mathcal{M}_{\nu,\eta} \rightarrow \Psi_{\nu,\eta}$, given by

$$L := B \circ P^{-1}. \quad (21)$$

Our first main result (see Theorem 3.3) is a generalization of [7], Thm. 1.1, and says that the Lewis transform for $\nu \notin \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ and $\operatorname{Re} \nu > -\frac{1}{2}$ is a linear isomorphism between the space of Maaß cusp forms $\mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta}$ and the space $\Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o$ of period functions.

A holomorphic function on $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$ is uniquely determined by its values in $\mathbb{R}^+ := (0, \infty)$. Thus, in principle, it is possible to describe the period functions as a space of real analytic functions on the positive halfline.

Following ideas from [7], Chap. III, in this section we show how this can be done in an explicit way.

Consider the space $\Psi_{\nu,\eta}^{\mathbb{R}}$ of all real analytic functions ψ from $(0, \infty)$ to V_η satisfying

$$\eta(T)\psi(x) = \psi(x+1) + (x+1)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(ST^{-1})\psi\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right) \quad (22)$$

$$\psi(x) = o(1/x), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0, x > 0, \quad (23)$$

$$\psi(x) = o(1), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow +\infty, x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (24)$$

Our second main result (see Theorem 4.4) is a generalization of [7], Thm. 2, and says that for $\operatorname{Re} \nu > -\frac{1}{2}$ we have $\Psi_{\nu,\eta}^{\mathbb{R}} = \{\psi|_{(0,\infty)} : \psi \in \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o\}$.

We summarize the various spaces and mappings considered so far in one diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{M}_{\nu,\eta} & \longleftarrow & \mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta} & \xrightarrow{L} & \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o & \xrightarrow{\text{res}} & \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^{\mathbb{R}} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu,\eta} & & \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta} & \longrightarrow & \Psi_{\nu,\eta} & & \\
 & \nwarrow P & \uparrow \cong & \nearrow B & & & \\
 & & A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega} & & & &
 \end{array}$$

2 Automorphic hyperfunctions

Let A denote the subgroup of G consisting of diagonal matrices and let N be the subgroup of upper triangular matrices with ± 1 on the diagonal. Let $P = AN$ be the group of upper triangular matrices. Finally, let $K = \operatorname{PSO}(2) = \operatorname{SO}(2)/\{\pm 1\}$ be the canonical maximal compact subgroup of G . The group G then as a manifold is a direct product $G = ANK = PK$. For $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ and $a = \pm \operatorname{diag}(t, t^{-1})$, $t > 0$, let $a^\nu = t^{2\nu}$. We insert the factor 2 for compatibility reasons. Let (π_ν, V_{π_ν}) denote the principal series representation of G with parameter ν . The representation space V_{π_ν} is the Hilbert space of all

functions $\varphi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $\varphi(ank) = a^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}\varphi(x)$ for $a \in A, n \in N, x \in G$, and $\int_K |\varphi(k)|^2 dk < \infty$ modulo nullfunctions. The representation is $\pi_\nu(x)\varphi(y) = \varphi(yx)$. There is a special vector φ_0 in V_{π_ν} given by

$$\varphi_0(ank) = a^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}.$$

This vector is called the *basic spherical function* with parameter ν . The group G acts on the complex projective line $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ by linear fractions. This action has three orbits: the upper half plane \mathbb{H}^+ , the lower half plane \mathbb{H}^- and the real projective line $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$. The upper half plane can be identified with G/K via $gK \mapsto g.i$ and $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$ can be identified with $P \backslash G$ via

$$P \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto [c : d].$$

Our embedding of \mathbb{R} into $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$ is via $x \mapsto [1 : x]$, which can be viewed as the map

$$\begin{aligned} N &\rightarrow P \backslash PwN \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &\mapsto P \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & x \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

with the Weyl group element $w = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Note that V_{π_ν} can also be viewed as a space of sections of a line bundle over $P \backslash G$. For this bundle the above embedding provides a trivialization over \mathbb{R} . Using the corresponding Bruhat decomposition

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} c^{-1} & a \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{d}{c} \end{pmatrix}$$

for $c \neq 0$ we obtain a realization of V_{π_ν} on $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \frac{1}{\pi}(1+x^2)^{2\nu}dx)$ with the action

$$\pi_\nu \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} f(x) = (cx - a)^{-2\nu-1} f\left(\frac{dx - b}{cx - a}\right).$$

Transferring the action to $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{dx}{1+x^2})$ then yields the action

$$\pi_\nu \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \varphi(x) = \left(\frac{1+x^2}{(cx-a)^2 + (dx-b)^2} \right)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \varphi\left(\frac{dx-b}{-cx+a}\right)$$

used in [1]. This is the realization of the principal series we shall work with. Note that in this realization the basic spherical function is simply the constant function 1.

Let $\pi_\nu^\omega \subset \pi_\nu^{-\omega}$ be the sets of analytic vectors and hyperfunction vectors, respectively. For any open neighbourhood U of $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$ inside $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{C})$ the space $\pi_\nu^{-\omega}$ can be identified with the space

$$\mathcal{O}(U \setminus \mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R}))/\mathcal{O}(U),$$

where \mathcal{O} denotes the sheaf of holomorphic functions. This space does not depend on the choice of U . For $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ this follows from Lemma 1.1.2 of [8] and generally by subtracting the Laurent series at infinity. The G -action is given by the above formula, where x is replaced by a complex variable z . Note that any hyperfunction α on $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$ has a restriction to \mathbb{R} which can be represented by a holomorphic function on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$.

Proposition 2.1 (Symmetry of gluing conditions) *For $f \in \mathcal{F}_\eta$ the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) $z \mapsto f(z) - z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S)f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right)$ extends holomorphically to $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$.
- (2) $z \mapsto (1 + z^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right)$ and $z \mapsto (1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \eta(S)f(z)$ define the same hyperfunction on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

Proof: “(2) \Rightarrow (1)” Suppose that

$$(1 + z^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) = (1 + z^2)^{-\nu-\frac{1}{2}} \eta(S)f(z) + q(z)$$

with a function q that is holomorphic in a neighborhood of $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. For $\operatorname{Re} z > 0$ we can divide the equation by $(1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}$ and obtain

$$z^{-2\nu-1} f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) = \eta(S)f(z) + (1 + z^2)^{-\nu-\frac{1}{2}} q(z).$$

Since $\eta(S) = \eta(S)^{-1}$, this implies the claim.

“(1) \Rightarrow (2)” If (1) holds, by the same calculation as above we see that for $\operatorname{Re} z > 0$ the function

$$z \mapsto (1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \eta(S)f(z) - (1 + z^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right)$$

extends holomorphically to the entire right halfplane. But then the symmetry of this expression under the transformation $z \mapsto -\frac{1}{z}$ yields the holomorphic extendability also on the left halfplane which proves (2). \square

Recall the space $A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega} = (\pi_\nu^{-\omega} \otimes \eta)^\Gamma = H^0(\Gamma, \pi_\nu^{-\omega} \otimes \eta)$ of η -automorphic hyperfunctions from (10).

Proposition 2.2 (cf. [1], Prop. 2.1) *There is a bijective linear map*

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega} &\rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta} \\ \alpha &\mapsto f_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

such that the function $z \mapsto (1+z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f_\alpha(z)$ represents the restriction $\alpha|_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Proof: The space $A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega} = (\pi_\nu^{-\omega} \otimes \eta)^\Gamma$ can be viewed as the space of all V_η -valued hyperfunctions α in $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$ satisfying the invariance condition

$$\pi_\nu(\gamma^{-1})\alpha = \eta(\gamma)\alpha$$

for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Pick a representative f for α . The V_η -valued function $F: z \mapsto (1+z^2)^{-\nu-\frac{1}{2}} f(z)$ is holomorphic on $0 < |\operatorname{Im}(z)| < \varepsilon$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$. Note that the invariance of α under T implies that for some function q , holomorphic on a neighbourhood of \mathbb{R} , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(T)f(z) + q(z) &= \left(\pi_\nu(T^{-1})f \right)(z) \\ &= \left(\frac{1+z^2}{1+(z+1)^2} \right)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f(z+1) \\ &= (1+z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} F(z+1), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$F(z+1) = \eta(T)F(z) + (1+z^2)^{-(\nu+\frac{1}{2})} q(z).$$

Therefore F represents a hyperfunction on $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ which is invariant under the translation $z \mapsto z+N$. This hyperfunction has a representative which is holomorphic in $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$. The freedom in this representative is an additive constant. So there is a unique representative f_α of the form

$$f_\alpha(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}v_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N}z} v_k^+, & z \in \mathbb{H}^+, \\ -\frac{1}{2}v_0 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{N}z} v_k^-, & z \in \mathbb{H}^-. \end{cases}$$

So $f_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\eta$ and $(1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}f_\alpha(z)$ represents $\alpha|_{\mathbb{R}}$. To show the injectivity of the map in the Proposition assume that $f_\alpha = 0$. Then α is supported in $\{\infty\}$. Since latter set is not Γ -invariant, α must be zero. To see that f_α lies in $\mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta}$, recall that the invariance of α under S implies that

$$(1 + z^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}f_\alpha\left(\frac{1}{-z}\right) = (1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}\eta(S)f_\alpha(z) + \tilde{q}(z)$$

with $\tilde{q}(z)$ holomorphic on a neighbourhood of $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Thus Proposition 2.1 shows that f_α satisfies (7) and hence $f_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta}$. To finally show surjectivity, let $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta}$. Then the function

$$z \mapsto (1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}f(z)$$

represents a hyperfunction β_0 on \mathbb{R} that satisfies $\pi_\nu(T^{-1})\beta_0 = \eta(T)\beta_0$. Let $\beta_\infty := (\pi_\nu \otimes \eta)(S)\beta_0$. Then β_∞ is a hyperfunction on $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\}$ with representative $z \mapsto (1 + z^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}\eta(S)f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right)$. According to Proposition 2.1 the restrictions of β_0 and β_∞ to $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0, \infty\}$ agree. Thus β_0 and β_∞ are restrictions of a hyperfunction β on $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$ which is then easily seen to be S -invariant. Using β_0 we see that the support of

$$(\pi_\nu \otimes \eta)(T)\beta - \beta$$

is contained in $\{\infty\}$. Using β_∞ we see that for $|z| > 2$, $z \notin \mathbb{R}$, this hyperfunction is represented by

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{1 + z^2}{1 + (z-1)^2}\right)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} (1 + (z-1)^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \eta(TS)f\left(\frac{-1}{z-1}\right) \\ & - (1 + z^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \eta(S)f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) = \\ & = (1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} (z-1)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(TS)f\left(\frac{-1}{z-1}\right) \\ & - (1 + z^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \eta(S)f\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) \\ & = (1 + z^{-2})^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \times \\ & \quad \left(\left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right)^{2\nu+1} \eta(TST^{-1})f\left(\frac{z-2}{z-1}\right) - \eta(ST^{-1})f\left(\frac{z-1}{z}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(z)$ is holomorphic around $z = 1$ it follows that this function is holomorphic around $z = \infty$. Hence β is invariant under T . Now the claim follows because the elements S and T generate Γ . \square

Proposition 2.3 (Bruggeman transform; cf. [1], Prop. 2.3) *For $\alpha \in A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega}$ put*

$$\psi_\alpha(z) := f_\alpha(z) - z^{-2\nu-1}\eta(S)f_\alpha\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right),$$

with f_α as in Proposition 2.2. Then the Bruggeman transform $B: \alpha \mapsto \psi_\alpha$ maps $A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega}$ to $\Psi_{\nu,\eta}$. It is a bijection if $\nu \notin \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof: Let $\alpha \in A_{\nu,\eta}^{-\omega}$ and define ψ_α as in the Proposition. By Proposition 2.2 the map ψ_α extends to $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$. We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_\alpha(z+1) + (z+1)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(ST^{-1})\psi_\alpha\left(\frac{z}{z+1}\right) &= \\ &= f_\alpha(z+1) - (z+1)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(S)f_\alpha\left(\frac{-1}{z+1}\right) + (z+1)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(ST^{-1}) \times \\ &\quad \times \left(f_\alpha\left(\frac{z}{z+1}\right) - \left(\frac{z}{z+1}\right)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S)f_\alpha\left(\frac{-1}{\frac{z}{z+1}}\right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\frac{z}{z+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{z+1}$ and $f_\alpha(1 - \frac{1}{z+1}) = \eta(T)f_\alpha(\frac{-1}{z+1})$ we see that the two middle summands cancel out. It remains

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(T)f_\alpha(z) - z^{-2\nu-1}\eta(ST^{-1}S)f_\alpha\left(\frac{-z-1}{z}\right) &= \\ &= \eta(T)f_\alpha(z) - z^{-2\nu-1}\eta(ST^{-1}ST^{-1})f_\alpha\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) \\ &= \eta(T)\left(f_\alpha(z) - z^{-2\nu-1}\eta(S)f_\alpha\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right)\right) \\ &= \eta(T)\psi_\alpha(z). \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used $ST^{-1}ST^{-1} = TS$. This proves that ψ_α satisfies the functional equation (8).

Next, if $\nu \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$, then one sees that $\psi_\alpha(z) + z^{-2\nu-1}\eta(S)\psi_\alpha(\frac{-1}{z})$ equals zero and so ψ_α lies in $\Psi_{\nu,\eta}$. If $\nu \notin \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ then recall that we take the standard

branch of the logarithm to define $z^{-2\nu-1}$. For $\psi(-1/z)$ one then takes a complimentary branch and one gets the inversion formula

$$f_\alpha(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\pm 2\pi i \nu}} \left(\psi_\alpha(z) + z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) \psi_\alpha\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) \right) \quad (25)$$

for $z \in \mathbb{H}^\pm$. This proves $B\alpha \in \Psi_{\nu,\eta}$ and it only remains to show that the Bruggeman transform is surjective. But a simple calculation, similar to the one given above shows that for a holomorphic function $\psi: \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0] \rightarrow V_\eta$ satisfying (8) the function $f: \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V_\eta$, defined from ψ via the inversion formula (25), satisfies (4). If ψ satisfies (9), then f satisfies (5) and (6). In view of Proposition 2.2 this, finally, proves the claim. \square

3 Maaß wave forms

Recall the space $\mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta}$ of *Maaß cusp forms* from (18) and consider a u in $\mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta}$. Because of $u(z+N) = u(z)$ the function u has a Fourier series

$$u(z) = u(x+iy) = \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ k \neq 0}} A_k(y) e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} x} v_k$$

for some $v_k \in V_\eta$. The differential equation $\Delta u = (\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2)u$ implies a differential equation for $A_k(y)$ which implies that it must be a linear combination of I and K -Bessel functions. The fact that u is square integrable rules out the I -Bessel functions, so

$$A_k(y) = \sqrt{y} K_\nu \left(2\pi \frac{|k|}{N} y \right)$$

times a constant which we can assume to be 1 by multiplying it to v_k . By Theorem 3.2 of [4] it follows that the norms $\|v_k\|$ are bounded as $|k| \rightarrow \infty$. The functional equation $u(z+1) = \eta(T)u(z)$ is reflected in the fact that the v_k are eigenvectors of $\eta(T)$, since we get $\eta(T)v_k = e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N}} v_k$. Now set

$$f_u(z) := \begin{cases} \sum_{k>0} k^\nu e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} z} v_k, & \text{Im}(z) > 0, \\ -\sum_{k<0} |k|^\nu e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} z} v_k, & \text{Im}(z) < 0. \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

From the construction it is clear that f_u satisfies (4) - (6), i.e. $f_u \in \mathcal{F}_\eta$. It will play the role of our earlier f_α (cf. Proposition 2.2), so we define

$$\psi_u(z) := f_u(z) - z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) f_u\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right). \quad (27)$$

Lemma 3.1 *For $\operatorname{Re} \nu > -\frac{1}{2}$ the equation (26) and (27) define linear maps*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta} \\ u & \mapsto & f_u \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta} & \rightarrow & \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o \\ u & \mapsto & \psi_u \end{array}$$

Proof: To prove that $f_u \in \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta}$ we will need the following two Dirichlet series. For $\varepsilon = 0, 1$ set

$$L_\varepsilon(u, s) := \sum_{k \neq 0} \operatorname{sign}(k)^\varepsilon \left(\frac{N}{|k|} \right)^s v_k.$$

We will relate L_0 and L_1 to u by the Mellin transform. For this let

$$u_0(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} u(iy), \quad u_1(y) = \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2\pi i} u_x(iy), \quad (28)$$

where $u_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u$. Next define

$$\hat{L}_\varepsilon(u, s) := \int_0^\infty u_\varepsilon(y) y^s \frac{dy}{y}. \quad (29)$$

Plugging in the Fourier series of u and using the fact that

$$\int_0^\infty K_\nu(2\pi y) y^s \frac{dy}{y} = \Gamma_\nu(s) := \frac{1}{4\pi^s} \Gamma\left(\frac{s-\nu}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\nu}{2}\right),$$

we get

$$\hat{L}_0(u, s) = \Gamma_\nu(s) L_0(u, s),$$

and similarly,

$$\hat{L}_1(u, s) = \Gamma_\nu(s+1) L_1(u, s).$$

On the other hand, the usual process of splitting the Mellin integral and using the functional equations

$$u_\varepsilon\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) = (-1)^\varepsilon y \eta(S) u_\varepsilon(y), \quad \varepsilon = 0, 1,$$

(which can be checked using the Taylor series of u), one gets that \hat{L}_ε extends to an entire function and satisfies the functional equation,

$$\hat{L}_\varepsilon(u, s) = (-1)^\varepsilon \eta(S) \hat{L}_\varepsilon(u, 1 - s).$$

With a similar, even easier computation one gets

$$\int_0^\infty y^s (f_u(iy) - (-1)^\varepsilon f_u(-iy)) \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{\Gamma(s)N^\nu}{(2\pi)^s} L_\varepsilon(u, s - \nu).$$

This implies that the Mellin transforms $M^\pm f(s) := \int_0^\infty y^s f(\pm iy) \frac{dy}{y}$ can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} M^\pm f(s) &= \pm \frac{\Gamma(s)N^\nu}{2(2\pi)^s} (L_0(u, s - \nu) \pm L_1(u, s - \nu)) \\ &= \pm N^\nu \pi^{-\nu - \frac{3}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2\nu+2-s}{2}\right) \sin \pi\left(\nu + 1 - \frac{s}{2}\right) \hat{L}_0(u, s - \nu) \\ &\quad + N^\nu \pi^{-\nu - \frac{1}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2\nu+1-s}{2}\right) \sin \pi\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{s}{2}\right) \hat{L}_1(u, s - \nu). \end{aligned}$$

The last identity follows from the standard equations

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) = \Gamma(x) 2^{1-x} \sqrt{\pi}, \quad \Gamma(x) \Gamma(1-x) = \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi x}.$$

Thus the Mellin transform $M^\pm f(s)$ is seen to be holomorphic for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ and rapidly decreasing on any vertical strip. The Mellin inversion formula yields for $C > 0$,

$$f_u(\pm iy) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\operatorname{Re}(s)=C} y^{-s} M^\pm f_u(s) ds.$$

This extends to any $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ to give

$$f_u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\operatorname{Re}(s)=C} e^{\pm \frac{\pi}{2} i s} z^{-s} M^\pm f_u(s) ds$$

for $z \in \mathbb{H}^\pm$. For $0 < C < 2\operatorname{Re} \nu + 1$ (here we need $\operatorname{Re} \nu > -\frac{1}{2}$) it follows that

$$\psi_u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\operatorname{Re}(s)=C} (e^{\pm \frac{\pi}{2} i s} z^{-s} - e^{\mp \frac{\pi}{2} i s} z^{-2\nu-1} z^s \eta(S)) M^\pm f_u(s) ds.$$

Writing this as the difference of two integrals, substituting s in the second integral with $2\nu + 1 - s$ and shifting the contour we arrive at the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\operatorname{Re}(s)=C} & \left(e^{\pm \frac{\pi}{2} i s} z^{-s} M^\pm f_u(s) \right. \\ & \left. - e^{\mp \frac{\pi}{2} i (2\nu+1-s)} z^{-s} \eta(S) M^\pm f_u(2\nu+1-s) \right) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

for ψ_u . Using the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \pm e^{\pm \frac{\pi}{2} i s} \cos \pi \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{s}{2} \right) \mp e^{\mp \frac{\pi}{2} i (2\nu+1-s)} \cos \pi \frac{s}{2} &= i \sin \pi \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} \right), \\ e^{\pm \frac{\pi}{2} i s} \sin \pi \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{s}{2} \right) + e^{\mp \frac{\pi}{2} i (2\nu+1-s)} \sin \pi \frac{s}{2} &= \sin \pi \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and the functional equation of \hat{L}_ε we see that the integrand of (30) equals

$$\begin{aligned} z^{-s} N^\nu \sin \pi \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} \right) &\left[\pi^{-\nu-\frac{3}{2}} \Gamma \left(\frac{s+1}{2} \right) \Gamma \left(\frac{2\nu+2-s}{2} \right) i \hat{L}_0(u, s-\nu) + \right. \\ &\left. + \pi^{-\nu-\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) \Gamma \left(\frac{2\nu+1-s}{2} \right) \hat{L}_1(u, s-\nu) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Since this expression is independent of whether z lies in \mathbb{H}^+ or \mathbb{H}^- , it follows that $f_u(z) - z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) f_u \left(\frac{-1}{z} \right)$ extends to a holomorphic function on $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$, i.e., the function f_u indeed lies in the space $\mathcal{F}_{\nu, \eta}$. The linearity of the map is clear.

It remains to show that $\psi_u \in \Psi_{\nu, \eta}^o$. Note that in view of $f_u \in \mathcal{F}_{\nu, \eta}$ Proposition 2.2 shows that the function $z \mapsto (1+z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f_u(z)$ represents a hyperfunction $\alpha_u \in A_{\nu, \eta}^{-\omega}$. Then, according to Proposition 2.3 we have $\psi_u = B(\alpha_u)$ so ψ_u satisfies (9). The asymptotic property (19) now follows from the integral representation (30) with the C chosen there. More precisely, the bound $O(|z|^{-C})$ follows directly from (31) since the integrand divided by z^{-s} is of π -exponential decay, whereas the $O(1)$ -bound is obtained by moving the contour slightly to the left of the imaginary axis picking up the residue at 0 which is proportional to 1 (see [7], §I.4 for more details on this type of argument). \square

Lemma 3.2 *For $0 \neq k \in \mathbb{Z}$ let α_k be the hyperfunction on $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$ represented by $(1+z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f_k(z)$ with*

$$f_k(z) = \begin{cases} \text{sign}(k) \cdot e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} z} & \text{for } \text{sign}(k) \cdot \text{Im}(z) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } \text{sign}(k) \cdot \text{Im}(z) < 0. \end{cases}$$

Then we have that

$$\left\langle \pi_{-\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{b} & \frac{a}{\sqrt{b}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \end{pmatrix} \varphi_0, \alpha_k \right\rangle$$

equals

$$2 \operatorname{sign}(k) \left(\frac{N}{|k|} \right)^\nu \frac{\pi^{-\nu-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\nu)} \sqrt{b} K_\nu \left(2\pi \frac{|k|}{N} b \right) e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} a},$$

where is K_ν the K -Bessel function with parameter ν .

Proof: For this we will need the following identity (cf. [1], §4 or [9], p.136)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{y^2 + (\tau - x)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}-\nu} e^{2\pi i k \tau} dt = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{1}{2}-\nu} |k|^{-\nu}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\nu)} y^\nu K_\nu(2\pi |k| y) e^{2\pi i k x}. \quad (32)$$

Note that $g = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{b} & \frac{a}{\sqrt{b}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \end{pmatrix}$ satisfies $g \cdot i = a + ib$. Therefore, by abuse of notation, we write $P(\alpha_k)(a + ib)$ for $\left\langle \pi_{-\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{b} & \frac{a}{\sqrt{b}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \end{pmatrix} \varphi_0, \alpha_k \right\rangle$. According to [1], §4, we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned} P(\alpha_k)(a + ib) &= \left\langle \left(\frac{1 + x^2}{b + \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{b}} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{b}} \right)^2} \right)^{-\nu+\frac{1}{2}}, \alpha_k \right\rangle \\ &= b^{-\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \left\langle \left(\frac{1 + x^2}{b^2 + (x - a)^2} \right)^{-\nu+\frac{1}{2}}, (1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f_k(z) \right\rangle \\ &= \operatorname{sign}(k) b^{-\nu+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{b^2 + (x - a)^2} \right)^{-\nu+\frac{1}{2}} e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} x} dx \\ &= 2 \operatorname{sign}(k) \left(\frac{N}{|k|} \right)^\nu \frac{\pi^{-\nu-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\nu)} \sqrt{b} K_\nu \left(2\pi \frac{|k|}{N} b \right) e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} a}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we have used (32). \square

Theorem 3.3 (Lewis transform; cf. [7], Thm. 1.1) *For $\nu \notin \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ and $\operatorname{Re} \nu > -\frac{1}{2}$ the Lewis transform is a bijective linear map from the space of Maaß cusp forms $\mathcal{S}_{\nu, \eta}$ to the space $\Psi_{\nu, \eta}^o$ of period functions.*

Proof: We begin by showing that the Lewis transform is injective on $\mathcal{S}_{\nu, \eta}$. This will be done by proving that we can recover u from ψ_u , where we use

the notation from Lemma 3.1. The hypothesis $\nu \notin \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$ guarantees that we can recover f_u from ψ_u via a simple algebraic manipulation (cf. the proof of Proposition 2.3). Thus it suffices to express u in terms of α_u . But applying Lemma 3.2 to the summands in the defining formula (26) for f_u , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P\alpha_u(a + ib) &= \frac{2N^\nu}{\pi^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\nu)} \sqrt{b} \sum_{k \neq 0} K_\nu \left(2\pi \frac{|k|}{N} b \right) e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} a} v_k \\ &= \frac{2N^\nu}{\pi^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\nu)} u(a + ib). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

It remains to show that $L(\mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta}) = \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o$. To do this pick $\psi \in \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o$. According to Propositions 2.2 and 2.3 we can find a hyperfunction $\alpha \in A_{\nu,\eta}^\Gamma$ represented by the function $(1 + z^2)^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}} f$ with $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\nu,\eta}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(z) &= f(z) - z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) f\left(-\frac{1}{z}\right), \\ f(z) &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{\pm 2\pi i \nu}} \left(\psi(z) + z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) \psi\left(\frac{-1}{z}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

for $z \in \mathbb{H}^\pm$. The function f admits a Fourier expansion of the form

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} v_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} z} v_k, & z \in \mathbb{H}^+, \\ -\frac{1}{2} v_0 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{N} z} v_{-k}, & z \in \mathbb{H}^-. \end{cases}$$

The asymptotic property (19) of ψ implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(z) &= O(|z|^{-C}) \\ z^{-2\nu-1} \eta(S) \psi\left(-\frac{1}{z}\right) &= O(|z|^{-2\nu-1}) \end{aligned}$$

for $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$. Since $2\nu + 1 > 0$ this implies that there is a constant $\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$f(x + iy) = O(|y|^{-\epsilon})$$

locally uniformly in x . Since f is periodic, this shows $v_0 = 0$. Note that $K_\nu(t) \sim e^{-t} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2t}}$. Therefore we have

$$A_k(y) = \sqrt{y} K_\nu \left(2\pi \frac{|k|}{N} y \right) \sim e^{-2\pi \frac{|k|}{N} y} \sqrt{\frac{N}{4|k|}} \quad (34)$$

uniformly in k , which implies that

$$u(z) := u(x + iy) := \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ k \neq 0}} A_k(y) e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} x} v_k$$

defines a smooth function on \mathbb{H}^+ . Taking the derivatives termwise, we see that u satisfies (17), i.e. is contained in the range of the Poisson transform. Now Lemma 3.2 shows that

$$\left\langle \pi_{-\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{b} & \frac{a}{\sqrt{b}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \end{pmatrix} \varphi_0, \alpha \right\rangle = u$$

and (20) implies $u \in \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\nu, \eta}$. Note that (18) is a consequence of $v_0 = 0$. Thus in order to show that $\psi \in L(\mathcal{S}_{\nu, \eta})$, it only remains to show that u satisfies (16). But (34) implies that u rapidly decreases towards the cusp and hence the finite volume of the fundamental domain proves the square integrability of u . \square

As a consequence of this proof we see that for η the trivial representation, our Lewis transform coincides with $\frac{1}{2}\pi^{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\nu)$ times the one given in [7].

4 Characterizing period functions on \mathbb{R}^+

Let $T' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (STS^{-1})^{-1}$.

Lemma 4.1 (cf. [7], §III.3) *If a smooth function $\psi: (0, \infty) \rightarrow V_\eta$ satisfies (22) with $\nu \notin \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}$, then it has the following asymptotic expansions:*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &\underset{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} x^{-2\nu-1} Q_0\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \sum_{m=-1}^{\infty} C_m^* x^m, \\ \psi(x) &\underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} x^{-2\nu-1} Q_\infty\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \sum_{m=-1}^{\infty} (-1)^m C_m^* x^{-m-2\nu-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where the $Q_0, Q_\infty: R \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are smooth functions with

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0(x+1) &= \eta(T') Q_0(x), \\ Q_\infty(x+1) &= \eta(T) Q_\infty(x), \end{aligned}$$

and the C_m^* can be calculated from the Taylor coefficients $C_m := \frac{1}{m!}\psi^{(m)}(1) \in V_\eta$ of ψ in 1 via

$$C_m^* = \frac{1}{m + 2\nu + 1} \sum_{k=0}^M (-1)^m B_k \binom{m + 2\nu + 1}{k} C_{m-1-k}. \quad (35)$$

Here the B_k are the Bernoulli numbers. If ψ is real analytic, then so are Q_0 and Q_∞ .

Proof: For $\operatorname{Re} \nu > 0$ set

$$Q_0(x) := x^{-2\nu-1} \psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T(T')^n)^{-1} \psi\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+x}\right)$$

and

$$Q_\infty(x) := \psi(x) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T'T^{n-1})^{-1} \psi\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+x}\right).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& Q_0(x+1) - \eta(T')Q_0(x) = \\
&= (x+1)^{-2\nu-1}\psi\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right) - x^{-2\nu-1}\eta(T')\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\
&\quad - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1+x)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(T(T')^n)^{-1}\psi\left(1+\frac{1}{n+1+x}\right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(T')\eta(T(T')^n)^{-1}\psi\left(1+\frac{1}{n+x}\right) \\
&= (x+1)^{-2\nu-1}\psi\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right) - x^{-2\nu-1}\eta(T')\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\
&\quad - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(T(T')^{n-1})^{-1}\psi\left(1+\frac{1}{n+x}\right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(T(T')^{n-1})^{-1}\psi\left(1+\frac{1}{n+x}\right) \\
&= (x+1)^{-2\nu-1}\psi\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right) - x^{-2\nu-1}\eta(T')\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\
&\quad + x^{-2\nu-1}\eta(T(T')^{-1})^{-1}\left(\eta(T)\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) \\
&\quad - \left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right)^{-2\nu-1}\eta(ST^{-1})\psi\left(\frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1+\frac{1}{x}}\right) \\
&= 0,
\end{aligned}$$

since $T^{-1}ST^{-1} = (T')^{-1}$. Similarly we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_\infty(x+1) - \eta(T)Q_\infty(x) &= \\
&= \psi(x+1) - \eta(T)\psi(x) \\
&\quad - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T'T^{n-1})^{-1} \psi\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1+x}\right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T)\eta(T'T^{n-1})^{-1} \psi\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+x}\right) \\
&= \psi(x+1) - \eta(T)\psi(x) \\
&\quad - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T'T^{n-2})^{-1} \psi\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+x}\right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T'T^{n-2})^{-1} \psi\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+x}\right) \\
&= \psi(x+1) - \eta(T)\psi(x) \\
&\quad + (1+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T'T^{-1})^{-1} \psi\left(1 - \frac{1}{x+1}\right) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

For general ν we write

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_0(x) &:= x^{-2\nu-1} \psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \sum_{m=0}^M C_m \zeta(m+2\nu+1, x) \\
&\quad - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T(T')^n)^{-1} \left(\psi\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+x}\right) - \sum_{m=0}^M \frac{C_m}{(n+x)^m} \right) \\
Q_\infty(x) &:= \psi(x) - \sum_{m=0}^M (-1)^m C_m \zeta(m+2\nu+1, x+1) \\
&\quad - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T'T^n)^{-1} \left(\psi\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+x}\right) - \sum_{m=0}^M \frac{C_m}{(n+x)^m} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

with the Hurwitz zeta function $\zeta(a, x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+x)^a}$. Since the Hurwitz zeta function satisfies

$$\zeta(a, x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{1}{a-1} \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k B_k \binom{k+a-2}{k} x^{-a-k+1} \quad (36)$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &= x^{-2\nu-1}Q_0(x^{-1}) + \sum_{m=0}^M C_m \zeta(m+2\nu+1, x^{-1}) x^{-2\nu-1} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^{-1}+n)^{-2\nu-1} \left(\psi\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+x^{-1}}\right) - \sum_{m=0}^M \frac{C_m}{(n+x^{-1})^m} \right)}_{=O(x^{2\nu+1+M})}. \end{aligned}$$

From this one derives the asymptotics for $x \rightarrow 0$ using (36), see [7], §III.3 for details. The asymptotics for $x \rightarrow \infty$ is shown analogously and the last claim is obvious. \square

Remark 4.2 (i) If $\psi(x) = o(x^{\min(1, 2\operatorname{Re}\nu+1)})$ for $x \rightarrow 0$, then $Q_0 = 0$ by periodicity, i.e., ψ is an eigenfunction for the *transfer operator*

$$\mathcal{L}_0\psi(x) := x^{-2\nu-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x^{-1})^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T(T')^n)^{-1} \psi\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+x^{-1}}\right).$$

Moreover we have $C_{-1}^* = 0$.

(ii) If $\psi(x) = o(x^{\min(0, \operatorname{Re}\nu)})$ for $x \rightarrow \infty$, then $Q_\infty = 0$, i.e., ψ is an eigenfunction for the *transfer operator*

$$\mathcal{L}_\infty\psi(x) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T'T^n)^{-1} \psi\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+x}\right).$$

Moreover we have $C_{-1}^* = 0$.

(iii) If $C_{-1}^* = 0$, then $C_0 = 0$, and if $Q_0 = Q_\infty = 0$ we have the equations

$$\psi(x) = x^{-2\nu-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x^{-1})^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T(T')^n)^{-1} \psi\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+x^{-1}}\right) \quad (37)$$

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(T'T^n)^{-1} \psi\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+x}\right). \quad (38)$$

In this case, we can analytically extend ψ to $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$ via

$$\psi(z) := \sum_{\gamma \in Q_n} (\psi|_{\nu, \eta} \gamma)(z),$$

where Q is the semigroup generated by T and T' , Q_n is the set of T - T' -words of length n in Q , and

$$(\psi|_{\nu,\eta}\gamma)(z) := (cz + d)^{-2\nu-1} \eta(\gamma)^{-1} \psi(\gamma \cdot z) \quad (39)$$

is a well defined right semigroup action (cf. [3], § 3, and [7], §III.3). The analytically continued function ψ still satisfies (37) and (38). Therefore we can mimick the proof of Lemma 4.1 and use the Taylor expansion in 1 to find

$$\psi(z) = \sum_{m=1}^M C_m \zeta(m+2\nu+1, z^{-1}) z^{-2\nu-1} + O(|\zeta(2\nu+M+2, z^{-1})|) \quad (40)$$

for $|z| \rightarrow 0$ and

$$\psi(z) = \sum_{m=1}^M (-1)^m C_m \zeta(m+2\nu+1, z+1) + O(|\zeta(2\nu+M+2, z)|), \quad (41)$$

for $|z| \rightarrow \infty$. Now we use the following version of (36) which can be found in [2], § 1.18:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(a, z) &= z^{1-a} \frac{\Gamma(a-1)}{\Gamma(a)} + \frac{1}{2} z^{-a} + \sum_{n=1}^N B_{2n} \frac{\Gamma(a+2n-1)}{\Gamma(a)(2n)!} z^{1-2n-a} \\ &\quad + O(|z|^{-2N-1-a}) \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

for $\operatorname{Re} a > 1$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$. Then (40) and (41) result in

$$\psi(z) = O(1) \quad \text{for } |z| \rightarrow 0 \quad (43)$$

and

$$\psi(z) = O(|z|^{-2\nu-1}) \quad \text{for } |z| \rightarrow \infty. \quad (44)$$

□

Remark 4.3 One can use the slash action (39) to rewrite the real version (22) of the Lewis equation in the form

$$\psi = \psi|_{\nu,\eta} T + \psi|_{\nu,\eta} T'.$$

□

Theorem 4.4 (cf. [7], Thm. 2) *Suppose that $\operatorname{Re} \nu > -\frac{1}{2}$. Then*

$$\Psi_{\nu,\eta}^{\mathbb{R}} = \{\psi|_{(0,\infty)} : \psi \in \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o\}.$$

Proof: Note first that property (19) of $\psi \in \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o$ trivially implies (23) and (24) for $\psi|_{(0,\infty)}$. Therefore it only remains to show that each element of $\Psi_{\nu,\eta}^{\mathbb{R}}$ occurs as the restriction of some $\psi \in \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^o$. To this end we fix a $\tilde{\psi} \in \Psi_{\nu,\eta}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Since (23) and (24) hold for $\tilde{\psi}$, we can apply Remark 4.2 to it. Thus $\tilde{\psi}$ has an analytic continuation to $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$ (still denoted by $\tilde{\psi}$) and the asymptotics (43) and (44) shows that $\tilde{\psi}$ indeed satisfies (19). \square

5 A Converse Theorem

Theorem 5.1 *Let $v_k \in V_\eta$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\eta(T)v_k = e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N}} v_k$ and that the two Dirichlet series*

$$L_\varepsilon(s) = \sum_{k \neq 0} \operatorname{sgn}(k)^\varepsilon \left(\frac{N}{|k|} \right)^s v_k, \quad \varepsilon = 0, 1$$

converge for $\operatorname{Re}(s) \gg 0$. Assume that $\hat{L}_\varepsilon(s) = \Gamma_\nu(s + \varepsilon) L_\varepsilon(s)$ extends to an entire function with

$$\hat{L}_\varepsilon(s) = (-1)^\varepsilon \eta(s) \hat{L}_\varepsilon(1-s).$$

Then the function u given by

$$u(z) = \sum_{k \neq 0} \sqrt{y} K_\nu \left(2\pi \frac{|k|}{N} y \right) e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N} x} v_k$$

lies in $\mathcal{S}_{\nu,\eta}$.

Proof: The Dirichlet series give rise to an inverse Mellin transform f as in Section 3. Now follow the argumentation of that section. \square

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